

Whether Republican or Democrat, we all have the great privilege of serving in the United States House of Representatives. And with that privilege comes great responsibility to abide by the rules of this institution, which are in place so that we may best serve our constituents and our country.

While there is no joy in bringing this action to the floor today, as my colleague and friend, Dean, stated, I appreciate the bipartisan work done by the members who served on this subcommittee. Moreover, I applaud the diligence of the nonpartisan staff members who Dean named, and who worked tirelessly throughout this process to ensure fairness and to uphold the standards imposed upon every Member of Congress.

The investigation was conducted thoroughly and without one hint of bias. Importantly, I believe the bipartisan manner in which it was conducted demonstrates that the processes in place to hold Members of Congress accountable do indeed work and are taken very seriously by both parties.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I commend everybody who was involved in this investigation, and I commend the House for having these rules.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, the ranking member urges the House to vote “aye” on this matter, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

In closing, I again thank each of the members who served on the investigative subcommittees that were impaneled in this matter during the 115th and 116th Congresses.

The Committee on Ethics continually strives to enhance the reputation of this body and ensure that Members, as required by House rules and the Code of Official Conduct, always act in a manner that reflects creditably on the House.

Representatives PHILLIPS, FLORES, RASKIN, and KATKO, your work on this case has been instrumental to that broader effort, and we are most grateful for your service.

Madam Speaker, I am also appreciative and grateful for the ranking member, Mr. MARCHANT, and his dedication to upholding the integrity of this House and the principles that he brings to bear as he serves in a leadership position on the House Committee on Ethics. I am grateful to all of the other Ethics Committee members, my colleagues, for their work on this matter, and all of the others that we have handled in this Congress.

I thank my personal staff, Josh Rogin and David Arrojo; and Mr. MARCHANT's staff, Scott Cunningham and Chris Donesa, for their commitment to ensuring that this work be done fairly. I also recognize the board and staff of the Office of Congressional

Ethics for their contributions to this investigation.

Lastly, as Mr. PHILLIPS referenced, enormous thanks are due to our nonpartisan professional committee staff for their tireless work on this investigation and their dedicated service every day to this House.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I note that while the committee's investigative work may garner more public attention, the committee's nonpartisan, advisory staff is always available to answer any ethics-related questions, to hold special training sessions for Members and employees, in addition to the mandated annual ethics trainings, and to issue advisory opinions upon request.

I encourage all Members of this House, all candidates and Congressional staff, to avail themselves of our committee's resources to help them satisfy their ethical obligations and to avoid the mistakes like those by Representative SCHWEIKERT that bring us to the floor of the House today.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “aye” as well, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials as well on the matter just under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7617) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 219 OFFERED BY MR. ALLEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on amendment No. 219, printed in House Report No. 116-461, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 123, nays 292, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 176]

YEAS—123

Abraham	Garcia (CA)	Olson
Allen	Gooden	Palazzo
Amash	Gosar	Palmer
Amodei	Graves (LA)	Perry
Arrington	Graves (MO)	Posey
Babin	Green (TN)	Rice (SC)
Baird	Griffith	Riggleman
Banks	Grothman	Rodgers (WA)
Barr	Guest	Roe, David P.
Bergman	Guthrie	Rogers (AL)
Biggs	Hagedorn	Rose, John W.
Bishop (NC)	Harris	Rouzer
Bishop (UT)	Hartzler	Roy
Brady	Hern, Kevin	Scalise
Brooks (AL)	Hill (AR)	Schweikert
Buck	Holding	Scott, Austin
Bucshon	Hudson	Sensenbrenner
Budd	Jordan	Shimkus
Burgess	Keller	Smith (MO)
Byrne	Kelly (MS)	Smith (NE)
Carter (GA)	Kelly (PA)	Smucker
Chabot	King (IA)	Spano
Cheney	Kustoff (TN)	Steube
Cline	LaHood	Stewart
Cloud	Lamborn	Taylor
Collins (GA)	Latta	Thornberry
Comer	Lesko	Tiffany
Conaway	Long	Tipton
Crawford	Loudermilk	Wagner
Curtis	Marchant	Walberg
Davidson (OH)	Marshall	Walker
DesJarlais	Massie	Watkins
Duncan	Mast	Weber (TX)
Dunn	McCarthy	Wenstrup
Emmer	McClintock	Westerman
Estes	Meuser	Williams
Ferguson	Miller	Wilson (SC)
Flores	Mooney (WV)	Wittman
Foxx (NC)	Murphy (NC)	Woodall
Fulcher	Norman	Wright
Gaetz	Nunes	Yoho

NAYS—292

Adams	Cook	Gianforte
Aderholt	Cooper	Gibbs
Aguilar	Correa	Golden
Allred	Costa	Gomez
Axne	Courtney	Gonzalez (OH)
Bacon	Cox (CA)	Gonzalez (TX)
Balderson	Craig	Gottheimer
Barragan	Crenshaw	Graves (GA)
Bass	Crist	Green, Al (TX)
Beatty	Crow	Grijalva
Bera	Cuellar	Haaland
Beyer	Cunningham	Harder (CA)
Bilirakis	Davids (KS)	Hastings
Bishop (GA)	Davis (CA)	Hayes
Blumenauer	Davis, Danny K.	Heck
Blunt Rochester	Davis, Rodney	Herrera Beutler
Bonamici	Dean	Higgins (LA)
Bost	DeFazio	Higgins (NY)
Boyle, Brendan	DeGette	Himes
F.	DeLauro	Hollingsworth
Brindisi	DelBene	Horn, Kendra S.
Brooks (IN)	Delgado	Horsford
Brown (MD)	Demings	Houlahan
Brownley (CA)	DeSaulnier	Hoyer
Buchanan	Deutch	Huffman
Burchett	Diaz-Balart	Hulzenga
Bustos	Dingell	Hurd (TX)
Butterfield	Doggett	Jackson Lee
Calvert	Doyle, Michael	Jacobs
Carbajal	F.	Jayapal
Cárdenas	Engel	Jeffries
Carson (IN)	Escobar	Johnson (GA)
Carter (TX)	Eshoo	Johnson (OH)
Cartwright	Españillat	Johnson (SD)
Case	Evans	Johnson (TX)
Casten (IL)	Finkenauer	Joyce (OH)
Castor (FL)	Fitzpatrick	Joyce (PA)
Castro (TX)	Fleischmann	Kaptur
Chu, Judy	Fletcher	Katko
Cicilline	Fortenberry	Keating
Cisneros	Foster	Kelly (IL)
Clark (MA)	Frankel	Kennedy
Clarke (NY)	Fudge	Khanna
Clay	Gabbard	Kildee
Cleaver	Gallagher	Kilmer
Clyburn	Galleo	Kim
Cohen	Garamendi	Kind
Cole	Garcia (IL)	King (NY)
Connolly	Garcia (TX)	Kirkpatrick